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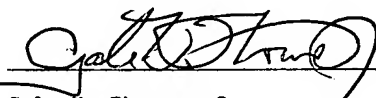
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

re Patent Application of: |
THORNE, Gale H., et al. | Docket: JMH002
Serial No.: 10/774,929 | Art Unit: 3731
Filed: 02/29/2004 | Examiner: EREZO, DARWIN P
For: GUIDE-WIRE STEERED VARIABLE |
INCISION WIDTH SAFETY SCALPEL

RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Office Action mailed January 5, 2007, the following RESPONSE and associated AMENDMENT is hereby submitted.

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

X Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has
been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

— A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and
1.27 is enclosed.

X No additional fee is required.

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claims.

— Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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